
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1705 Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY CIMINI, MORRIS, McCLATCHY, REED, PYLES AND GOEBEL,
OCTOBER 3, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 3, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing that persons who
4 voluntarily quit their employment are not eligible for public
5 assistance.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 408, act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
9 No.21), known as the "Public Welfare Code," is amended to read:

10 Section 408. Meeting Special Needs; Encouraging Self-Support
11 and Employment.--(a) The department shall have the duty to take
12 measures not inconsistent with the purposes of this article; and
13 when other funds or facilities for such purposes are inadequate
14 or unavailable to provide for special needs of individuals
15 eligible for assistance; to relieve suffering and distress
16 arising from handicaps and infirmities; to promote their
17 rehabilitation; to help them if possible to become self-
18 dependent; and, to cooperate to the fullest extent with other
19 public agencies empowered by law to provide vocational training,

1 rehabilitative or similar services.

2 (b) The department shall encourage employable recipients of
3 assistance to accept full or part-time employment by providing
4 that such recipients will again be granted assistance upon
5 involuntary termination of such employment if they are in need
6 thereof.

7 (c) A person who has voluntarily terminated his or her
8 employment shall not be eligible for public assistance during
9 the period of voluntary unemployment.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.